

## List 16. HOMOPHONES

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and usually different spellings. We think this is one of the most complete lists of homophones available. Recognizing homophones is particularly important because computer "spell check" programs do not recognize them as spelling errors. There are many ways to teach homophones, including reading and spelling games, jokes and riddles, and workbook exercises. See List 92, Games and Methods for Teaching, for suggestions.

This list contains only homophones that have different spellings. If a pair has the same spelling (for example, *bat* meaning a flying animal and *bat* meaning a club), they are included in the homograph list. The term *homonym* can include both homophones (same sound) and homographs (same spelling).

### Easy Homophones

add	close	hi	need	rain
ad	clothes	high	knead	reign
air	cloze	hole	new	rein
heir	creek	whole	knew	read
already	creak	horse	gnu	reed
all ready	dear	hoarse	night	real
ant	deer	I	knight	reel
aunt	die	eye	no	red
ate	dye	aye	know	read
eight	fair	in	oh	right
ball	fare	inn	owe	write
bawl	feet	its	one	road
bare	feat	it's	won	rode
bear	find	led	or	rowed
be	fined	lead	oar	sale
bee	flower	loan	ore	sail
beat	flour	lone	our	see
beet	for	made	hour	sea
been	four	maid	pair	seem
bin	fore	meet	pare	seam
blue	great	meat	pear	sell
blew	grate	might	peace	cell
brake	heard	mite	piece	sent
break	herd	missed	plane	cent
by	here	mist	plain	scent
bye	hear	morn	principal	shoe
buy		mourn	principle	shoo